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Subject: FY11 Summer Safety Message and Risk Reduction Guidance

1. References.

a. FY11 Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth Commanding General's Safety and Risk Reduction Guidance, 27 Sep 10.

b. FY11 Army Summer Safety Campaign, <https://safety.army.mil>, 01 April 11.

2. Purpose. To provide summer safety guidance to all Combined Arms Center (CAC) and Fort Leavenworth organizations, leaders and personnel.

3. General. The period between Memorial Day and Labor Day, also known as the Critical Days of Summer, is the time when Soldiers, Civilians and Family members are traditionally exposed to the year's greatest risk. The summer season is not the time to give safety a vacation. With warming temperatures and longer daylight hours, there will be a rise in outdoor recreation, sports activities, and travel, which can increase the risk of serious injury and accidental fatalities among our population.

4. During 2010, the Army experienced 74 Soldier losses in off-duty accidents between April and September. Most of the accidental losses were due to POV, motorcycle and pedestrian incidents. By planning ahead, we can identify potential hazards, assess risks, and ensure personnel are educated to recognize hazards and take the appropriate actions to protect themselves and others. The following can help in this regard:

a. Motorcycle Mentorship Program (MMP). The purpose of the MMP is to provide new riders the opportunity to work with experienced riders to learn beneficial skills and techniques associated with riding a motorcycle. This approach supports an environment that promotes responsible motorcycle riding, while mitigating risk and reducing accidents. The Army mirrors society in the continued growth of new motorcycles riders each year. Leadership involvement in Soldier safety and the MMP is critical to the success of this program.

b. Travel Risk Planning System (TRiPS). Driver distraction, speed and fatigue are common contributors to off-duty motor vehicle accidents. Leaders and supervisors must ensure Soldiers going on leave or pass understand the risks involved with travel

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and ways to mitigate them. The TRiPS system can help by suggesting an appropriate number of breaks to take during a trip to keep the driver fresh and focused, as well as, provide reminders about safety belts and other driver concerns.

c. Water-Related Recreational Activities. As temperatures increase, many Soldiers will be drawn to water-related recreational activities in swimming pools, ponds, lakes, rivers or oceans. Before participating in water-related activities, Soldiers should assess the activity and take appropriate measures to mitigate risk, such as wearing a personal flotation device. Over the past year, several water-related accidental fatalities might have been avoided if the individual had been wearing a personal flotation device.


5. Although we continue to focus our efforts on preventing POV accidents, do not lose sight of hazards associated with other seasonal activities such as fishing, picnics, cookouts, hiking, and lawn care. Environmental conditions such as severe weather, heat, sun exposure, and poisonous plants and animals can all have a negative impact on these activities without proper planning.

6. Engaged Soldiers and leaders make a difference. Continue to promote and use the tools available on the Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center website: <https://safety.army.mil> to assist in promoting summer safety within our organizations.

7. Conclusion. Leader and individual involvement is the key to a safe and successful summer. Be alert and vigilant. Your commitment to safety is critical in the weeks and months ahead. Take care of each other and enjoy the activities associated with the summer season.

8. Army Strong!

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